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Battleplanes Limp Home to Romorantin and Fold Wings

10 MONTHS' WORK UNDONE

Nearly 3,000,000 Feet of Buildings, 10 Miles of Rails at Flying Center

Romorantin was the cradle of the Ameri

can airplane in France. And now it is fix grave.

It was at Romorantin ten months ago that three Aero Squadrons, armed with French tools, fed and quartered by the French and commanded by an American major, started the work that developed into Air Service Production Center No. 2, which, up until the signing of the armistice, was the principal building center of the aero-nauties branch of the A.E.F. and through which passed Liberty motors and machines to all parts of France and the front.

It is to Romorantin that these machines now come limping home. Those declared

now come limping home. Those declared insultable for service in the States or for

unsuitable for service in the States or lor sale to the Allied governments are rapidly dismantled, their unsulable parts salvaged. And the rest demolished. It was a great work—that done at Romornatin, and the tremendous machine so laboriously and patiently built up to help make real America's already from of all success of salvaging with the hardeness of salvaging with the salvaging with the patient of the patient of its availer patient of its availer patient of the salvaging with the salvaging the salvaging with the salvaging the salvaging with the salvagin

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3 stations and electric light and power
es in all buildings has been installed,
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or real work of supplying the planes could
forward.

The first airplane arrived at the cenesa y11, 151. From that date until the galug of the armistice, 1,213 planes were ceived and 1,887 departched to other parts France. Three hundred and twenty-nine Servation planes, 293 bombing planes and x unequipped planes were sent out to Air lepots in the Z. of A. To schools were not 356 planes, 41 were disassembled for arre parts and 59 were either salvaged or endered unserviceable through crashes.

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The number of planes turned out daily varied with the needs of the Army in the Advance Zone. As many as 69 planes have been sent out in a day. Always the production has kept abreast, and usually shead of, demands.

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Although the undivided efforts of exeryone were centered on creating airplanes out of a puzzling mass of boxes, other activities were not neglected. One of the outstandian ide lines was the post garden. String bounds of controls, \$1.33 pounds of four, \$4.25 pounds of turning control of co

AWOL'S DOING TIME AT MILITARY PRISON

One Letter a Week Allowed **Men Serving Sentences** at Gievres

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ore than 600 general prisoners of one Fi who are serving their sentences in military prison at Gavres are at work to Salvage Department.

Isoners also operate the blacksmith, do the plumbing, unlead coal, repair is and perform general fatinue duties, prisoners are fed practically the same on as the rest of the A.E.F. and are thanking to be an ended and the same of the area of the arms of the coal and candy. They are allowed to ke for 20 minutes after the completion ach meal. They are permitted to write letter a week. They work six and a days a week, and Sunday afternoon is totel to bathing and washing clothes.

1918. In April of last year a new stockade was completed, and since that time the camp has been enlarged and new buildings constructed, including bath houses and infirmatics. At present the area comprises seven and a half acres and includes 17 buildings for the housing of the prisoners themselves and the shops in which they work.

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At the signing of the armistice there had been received 1,639 priseners, and to January 31, 396 had been released. Two hundred and twenty-live non-commissioned officers and privates constitute the guard. Only 16 soldiers have escaped and the soldiers have escaped and the soldiers have escaped and the soldiers have escaped to been paroled because of their honorable conduct and of this number only four have broken parole. The majority of the prisoners are being confined for going AWOL. Others are doing time for disobedience and disrespect, while a goodly number are serving because of "dirunkenness and bringing disgrace to the uniform."

40 SCHOOLS IN DIVISION

The ofter of a 100-franc prize for the best educational work in the 54th Regiment is one feature of the 40 Army schools started in the 54th divisional area. Enlisted men are acting as instructors, under the unit school officers and school officers are being taught. American and French history and mathematics have been found the met popular studies. A course of special lectures on vocations is to be started.

4th, NEW TO WAR GAME, PROVED WORTH IN JULY against flerce opposition, they had done by 11 a.m. Then they were told to push their advance elements on across the river. But this proved ment on across the river. But this proved were promptly driven both the property of the property o

20th, the regiment was relieved by ich troops and withdrawn to Troesnes accomplished the task having handsomely accomplished the task nasigned to it in the initial rush and ad-vanced its front from seven to eight kilo-meters, and this not without severe fight-ing, as was proved by its losses of 32 en-listed men killed and 14 officers and 234 en-listed men wounded. Between the 33rd French Division, with which was the 7th Infantry Brigade, and

Between the 33rd French Division, with which was the 7th Infantry Brigade, and the 16th, with which General Webster's 5th Infantry Brigade went into the battle, there were two French divisions, while on the other side, between the 16th and the 26th United States, there was one French

The 58th and 59th Infantry Regiment Sield Signal Battalion, the 1st Battalion o

line of resistance, going forward only on the 19th, while the 58th Infantry attacked by battalions with the French, going over at 4:35 o'clock behind a smoke screen.

Straight away cast across the hills and ravines they went, so fast that at 5 a.m. they had carried Hautevennes, and at 11, in what their division commander, General Gaucher, later described in his report as "a splendid dash," they had captured Courchamps, five kilometers beyond their jumping off trenches and almost due north of the left of the 26th United States Division, near Bussiances.

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All-Night Deluge of Fire

The fresh troops at once renewed the attack vigorously. At \$:35 a.m. Company M and parts of Companies E and P. 47th Infanity, were across the river and up to the faintry, were across the river and up to the relation of the property of the prope

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Fishers.

It was at once evident that the enemy had now haited on a line which he intended to hold with all his power. The next day, August 4, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee Ruilard, with the staff of the Third United States Army Corps, took over the command of the corps sector from Maj. Gen. Hunter Liggett and the staff of the First Corps.

The 7th Infantry Brigade was put in on the left of the 4th Division sector. The successive obstacles shead of it to be conquered were the village of St. Thibaut, face the Forst corps.

The 8th Infantry Brigade, then the village of Bazoches, then the National highway from Reims vin Soissons to Rouen, and then the biddies of Bazoches, then the National highway from Reims vin Soissons to Rouen, and then the biddies of the Vesle.

The 8th Infantry Brigade, on the right, had the same river, railway and highway to cross last no villages to take while on the other hand, the river valley in its event the railway and the while on the other hand, the river valley in its event that and the state of the Chalcau du Diable, near which its flank connected with the left of the 23th United States Division.

On the morning of August 5, the 39th Infantry and its supporting machine guns were ordered to take St. Thibaut, which,

MISSING MEN MEET MISSING BAGGAGE

Effects Depot at St. Nazaire Contains Tons of Personal Property

gaing up baggage and personal effects donging to missing men. Soldiers who counsed or taken prisoner, are now beginning to show up at the Effects Degiting to show up at the Effects Degit aim photographs, souvenirs de France, all, in some cases money and baseline.

wounded or taken prisoner, are now againing to show up at the Effects Depoi to claim photographs, souvenirs de France, and, in some cassa, money and Jowelry tucked away in bedding rolls and kits. The Effects Depot, established R. T.O.'s collect at St. Nuzaire, established R. T.O.'s collect at St. Nuzaire, cardinated the R. T.O.'s collect at St. Nuzaire for Q.M. goods, has been to state the collect at St. Nuzaire for Q.M. goods, has need to be completely to the check room had been combletely taken up by thousands of bags and bedding rolls belonging to missing men.

A few weeks ago the first missing man appeared before the officer in charge. He was a colored doughboy.

"Sir, has I got a bag here marked Pvt. Errastus Brown, Co. L. 182nd Infantry."

The sorgeant hunted through the fles and finally produced the bag from the farend of the building, It was marked, under the name. "Killed in action."

"Pvt. Brown is dend," the sergeant announced.

"He ain't no sech thing," protested the owner of the bag, producing a dog tag to prove his claim. "I nearly was," he admitted. "but they didn't do a good job of it."

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or.
The Depot suggests that every officer and

N.C.O. BURNED SELF TO INVENT GAS SALVE

C.W.S. Sergeant Wins Mention and Commission by Experiments

To test the efficacy of a preventive salve or mustard gas. Louis Weisberg, while a cregant in the Chemical Warfare Service, epeatedly seared his flesh with the yellow loison and by his self-torture completed experiments that won for himself a commission and honorable mention in orders or "meritorious conduct."

repeatedly scarced his heast with the years repeatedly scarced his heast with the years poison and by his self-torture completed experiments that won for himself a commission and honorable mention in orders for "meritorious condended mention in orders for the story out Weisberg has been revealed with the publication of G.O. 4, in which several officers and enlisted men of the S.O.S. are mentioned for distinguished services, as previously announced here. The salve with which the American doughboy fighting in the Argonne and in Fi.nders smeared himself before going into baftle, confident that with it and his gas mask he would come safely through any enomy mustard gas attack, was the product of Louis Weisberg's brain. For months, Licutenant Weisberg, as a sergeant, worked many hours during each day and each night to develop his preventive for mustard gas burns. He would ruth his saive proparation on his own body and then drop mustard gas on the salved portions. Time after time, by the same of the salved portions. Time after time, by the same of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions. The after time, by the salved portions of the salved portions. The after time, by the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions. The after time, by the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions of the salved portions. The after time, by the salved portions of the salved portions of





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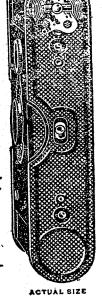
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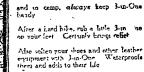


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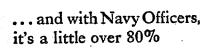


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